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1. Prior to August 1947, components of the 28th Tank Div were stationed in Tilsit (55°04'N/21°40'E), i.e. the 21st and 35th Tank Regts which were located in the west sector of Tilsit, on a road leading to an airfield. According to Soviet soldiers, further divisional components were stationed in Gumbinnen (54°35'N/39°50'E).
2. During the winter of 1946/1947, the 35th Tank Regt stayed in Tilsit, where it was quartered in the former Kavallerie Kaserne, the stables of which had been converted into tank garages. Source believed that the regiment was commanded by Colonel Pavlik, (fnu), who was said to have also been in command of the regiment during the war. The regiment had an estimated strength of not less than 1,000 men who were equipped with more than 70 tanks, including about 10 JS tanks. In the summer of 1947, about 36 of the tanks were exchanged for tanks of a new type which were very squat, and had a main gun of 122-mm and an AA machine gun. The tracks and suspensions were about 50 percent covered by armor plating. Further materiel seen in the barracks installation included 30 to 40 x 76.2-mm AT guns towed by trucks, and 10 to 15 AT guns of a heavier type which were towed by track-laying vehicles. The 21st Tank Regt was equipped exclusively with JS tanks. Heavy and light AA guns were seen in the two barracks installations quartering the tank regiments.
3. In the summer of 1946, the 35th Tank Regt moved into a new summer camp of 20 to 25 low wooden barracks buildings, which was about 4 km west-southwest of Tilsit, in the northern portion of the municipal forest and south of the Tilsit-Heinrichswalde (55°02'N/21°40'E) road. According to Soviet soldiers, further divisional camps of similar size were situated deeper in the forest. In

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